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you get a spotted Poland China and let him run loose for awhile and gets a little bit skinny, I don't know of you can tell him from a feral swine or not from a distance. So I really do think you got to have a better description, because now you're moving into an area where estrays are being used or being classed as a public nuisance, whereas strays are usually rounded up and sold and goes into the school permanent fund, like cattle. For instance, in the cattle, your markings, sure, they're either branded or they're not branded, but if it's a stray, why, everyone knows how they go. We're going to have the same problem eventually with buffalo. There's going to be enough buffalo in the country and there's going to be some of them start running loose, and you're going to come up with the same type of problems as you have with your pigs at the present time. The question is going to be, who owns them and how do you identify what's wild and what's tame? At the present time with your deer and your elk and that sort of thing, if they're inside of a fence and fenced tight then they're probably tame animals; if they're out running loose, the state of Nebraska claims them all. So are we going to do this with the feral swine? it is just the Game and Parks are the only ones that can identify them, then we probably don't need to do much about passing any laws for feral swine at the present time. The Game and Parks already has authority to take care of them. think we need to have some more work done on this. I think the public needs to be involved with getting rid of them if it is a and I think we want to remember that this law includes the entire state of Nebraska, not just one or two areas in the eastern part of the state. At the present time, there are some huge hog operations out in western Nebraska. Arthur County, for instance, has a hog operation there -- a Sandhill community that grows very little grain and that sort of thing, but a big hog operation moved out there so that they could get the water and then they didn't have the population to contend with because they could override the population. So something happens there and some of those hogs run loose, why, you got hogs running loose up through the Sandhills area. This is something that we have to consider, and I don't think the bill completely addresses it. I would, as I said before, I would like to see it...see it, as they go back to committee, after we advance it or something like that, and have it...have the description a